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New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park News Release

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New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Schedules Volunteer Open House

New Bedford, MA— Do you have a passion for local history? Do you enjoy working with the public? Do you have a few extra hours to spare? If you answered “Yes” to any one of these questions, then please join us for a Volunteer Open House Saturday, January 24, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Visitor Center, 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. Representatives from local cultural organizations including the National Park Service, the New Bedford Historical Society, the New Bedford Port Society, the City of New Bedford, the New Bedford Whaling Museum, and the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum will be on hand to discuss volunteer opportunities and a very exciting spring volunteer training program.

Some of the volunteer positions available: walking tour guide, museum guide, information desk staff, research assistant, office assistant, web design, graphic design, maintenance foreman and database assistant to preservation specialist. We especially welcome educators, residents of many of the area’s diverse communities, and those seeking to re-enter the work force and increase their skill sets. Time commitment and work schedule varies by organization and position. Uniform (if applicable) and training is provided. For more information in advance of the Open House, please contact Emily Prigot, Volunteer Coordinator, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park by phone at 508 996 4095 ext. 6105 or by email at emily_prigot@nps.gov.

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park was established by Congress in 1996 to help preserve and interpret America’s nineteenth century whaling industry. The park, which encompasses a 13-block National Historic Landmark District, is the only National Park Service area addressing the history of the whaling industry and its influence on the economic, social, and environmental history of the United States.

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